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TO: Barbara Rosenwald
FROM: Gia Wesley, Chief of the Office of Foster Care Licensing
DATE: 6/19/01
SUBJECT: Counseling Memo

On 5/15/01, I conducted a fact-finding regarding the background clearance done on a staff person from Youth Care who has a conviction for Reckless Endangerment. You indicated and the record reflects that the background clearance application was date stamped 7/28/00, sent to the Background Clearance Unit on 8/2/01 and then returned to the unit clerk on 8/30/00 and the application paperwork indicates that there was a hit for Reckless Endangerment. On 9/2/01, you sent Youth Care the region four form notifying them that there was information found and requested that the employee sign a release. The record shows that the release was returned on 9/13/00. You did not have any further communication with Youth Care regarding this background clearance. You turned over this background clearance to another licensor in December, and at that point—had not initiated any other follow up on this background clearance.

Reckless Endangerment is a deniable offense. Children's Administration had a responsibility to inform Youth Care that not only should this individual not be left unsupervised with youth but that they should not remain employed. It was your responsibility to make contact with Youth Care and inform them of this. This should have been a priority and not left unresolved for three months.

CC: Desk File